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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: **Physical**: ELEVATED, **Cyber**: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *April 29, Terre Haute Tribune-Star* – (Indiana) **Two killed in synthetic gas explosion at coal plant north of Terre Haute.** A faulty flange resulted in synthetic gas exploding and killing two workers Monday at SG Solutions, a coal gasification plant north of Terre Haute, which sits adjacent to Duke Energy Wabash Power Generation Station. The two men, employees of Sterling Boiler and Mechanical Inc., were working about 150 feet in the air on the eighth deck of a coal gasifier and tightening bolts on the flanged opening when the flange failed, causing an explosion, said the plant manager. The coal gasification plant shut down within five minutes of the incident and purged gas from its system. “We have contacted all of the state and local as well as federal authority with

regard to this incident...and identify to the extent that we can what has occurred, why it has occurred and put corrective actions in so such a thing can never happen again,” he said. The facility is one of only two integrated gasification combined cycle facilities in the U.S.

Source: http://www.tribstar.com/news/local_story_120002803.html?keyword=topstory

2. *April 29, WVEC 13 Hampton/Norfolk and Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Damage assessed after twister slams Suffolk.** The governor of Virginia declared a state of emergency for Suffolk, Colonial Heights, and Brunswick County after tornadoes ripped through the areas on Monday. Gas lines were damaged and power lines went down in several neighborhoods, causing outages throughout the evening. A Suffolk fire chief said repairs had been made and all lines were secured.
Source: http://www.wvec.com/news/suffolk/stories/wvec_local_042908_suffolk_tornado_aftermath.aecd7b42.html
3. *April 29, Hess Corporation* – (International) **Exxon production affected.** U.S. oil major ExxonMobil has declared a force majeure due to a strike in Nigeria which has lasted for some six days, a report claims. The company’s operations in the country are being affected by the strike, which has led to Exxon announcing that it will not be able to meet delivery contracts. Dow Jones Newswires notes that the shut-in of production as a result of the strike in Nigeria has led to around 800,000 barrels per day of crude not being produced. Dow Jones notes that even if the strike is resolved quickly, it will still take time for pipelines, rigs, and export facilities to be brought back up to capacity.
Source: <http://www.hessenergy.com/common/NewsItem.aspx?ArticleId=18572146>
4. *April 29, San Antonio Express-News* – (Texas) **Smelly sulfur leak causes Dilley to shut down natural gas lines.** The bad smell saved Dilley residents from potentially fatal consequences Friday after sulfur gas infiltrated the city’s natural gas lines. Residents began calling City Hall on Friday afternoon to complain about the smell, a councilman said. When city employees investigated, he said it became apparent that the problem originated with the city’s natural gas provider, West Texas Gas. Early Friday, hydrogen sulfide arrived in Dilley’s gas lines after West Texas Gas’ pipeline monitors failed to detect it at the source, said the utility’s vice president. Hydrogen sulfide monitors malfunctioned about 9 a.m.; the reason remains under investigation.
Source: <http://www.mysanantonio.com/salife/health/stories/MYSA042908.DilleyGas.EN.38d3325.html>
5. *April 28, Platts* – (National) **US FERC approves JPMorgan takeover of Bear Stearns.** The U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on Monday gave its approval to JPMorgan Chase’s takeover of Bear Stearns. JPMorgan entered into a share exchange agreement with Bear Stearns, whereby JPMorgan ultimately absorbed amongst other things, the bank’s power and gas trading unit, Bear Energy. FERC noted that Bear affiliates sold power at market-based rates in the PJM Interconnection and Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator markets.

Source:

<http://www.platts.com/Electric%20Power/News/6865975.xml?sub=Electric%20Power&p=Electric%20Power/News&?undefined&undefined>

6. *April 28, Platts* – (Northeast) **Natural gas quality creating concern among Northeast generators.** Natural gas quality standards that are being proposed by some pipelines in New England are creating concern among generators in the region that new sources of liquefied natural gas and other changes in pipeline gas quality could affect power plants, said the president of the New England Power Generators Association. “There is a concern about gas quality” because so much of the generating capacity in New England is fueled by natural gas, she said. If generators trip offline because of changes in gas quality, it could create electric reliability problems. Gas quality changes being planned by Algonquin Gas Transmission and Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, both owned by Spectra Energy, have prompted the generator trade group to see if gas-fired turbines would be affected.

Source:

<http://www.platts.com/Natural%20Gas/News/6865843.xml?sub=Natural%20Gas&p=Natural%20Gas/News&?undefined&undefined>

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Chemical Industry Sector

7. *April 28, East Oregonian* – (Oregon, Washington) **CSEPP readies for three-day drill.** The Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) and the Oregon and the Army’s Umatilla Chemical Depot are preparing for the first three-day emergency drill to be coordinated with other chemical drills in the northwest. CSEPP’s drill will take place May 5 through May 7, involving Umatilla, Morrow and Benton counties in Washington and Oregon. “This will probably be our biggest exercise ever, in this area,” said a depot spokesman. The drill will start on Monday, May 5, with a simulated chemical emergency at the Umatilla Chemical Depot. Oregon Army National Guard soldiers will be doing various exercise activities during the three-day exercise. In addition to the extended drill, the exercise will coordinate with other drills and organizations in Washington state and nationally.

Source:

<http://www.eastoregonian.info/main.asp?SectionID=13&SubSectionID=48&ArticleID=76932&TM=25479.67>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

8. *April 29, Times Herald-Record* – (New York) **Earful for panel on nuke safety.** Indian Point’s 12-person “Independent Safety Evaluation” panel held a series of meetings Thursday to hear from neighborhood residents. Entergy Nuclear, the company that owns Indian Point, is paying the panel an undisclosed amount to examine safety, security, and emergency preparedness at the power plant. Opponents have called for a state-mandated

review of plant operations instead. Yesterday's meetings were the last before the panel completes its inspection review.

Source:

<http://www.recordonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080429/NEWS/804290341>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

9. *April 28, Defense News* – (National) **U.S. surface force to ‘pause’ amid readiness worry.** Top naval commanders have called for broad reviews and a “strategic pause” in the surface force after a pair of devastating inspections made them question whether today’s crews can maintain their ships or even assess their state of readiness. The commander of Naval Surface Forces said that ships and their crews must re-learn how to evaluate themselves and “get back to basics” by focusing on fundamentals like routine inspections, maintenance, and keeping ships clean. The reviews were prompted by reports from the Navy’s Board of Inspection and Survey that found two warships were in such poor condition they could not enter combat. He said specifically that commanders were reviewing whether sailors got enough hands-on training “as fiscal realities drove us to place more reliance on computer-based training. We are looking at this from an enterprise perspective to see if we have reduced en route training too much.”

Source: <http://www.defensenews.com/story.php?i=3502095&c=AME&s=SEA>

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Banking and Finance Sector

10. *April 29, KELO 11 Sioux Falls* – (South Dakota) **Long warns of new phone scam.** South Dakota’s Attorney General’s office says a new scam involves telemarketers leaving urgent messages regarding credit card accounts. When people return the call, the telemarketer claims to represent their credit card company and promises a great deal on consolidation of their debts with a lower interest rate. But it is really an attempt to gain personal information and the callers are not associated with the credit card company.
Source: <http://www.keloland.com/News/NewsDetail6371.cfm?Id=0,68929>
11. *April 29, WHSV 3 Harrisonburg* – (National) **Stimulus package scam warning.** As the economic stimulus checks begin to arrive, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is already warning people of potential scams. The top two types of reported scams so far have been phone calls and emails. In the phone calls, the caller asks the taxpayer for their social security number and bank account numbers, claiming they need the information to complete the economic stimulus package process. Recent email scams have asked recipients to fill out a form in order to set up direct deposit. However, taxpayers do not need a separate form to have direct deposit, as it was all included in their tax return.
Source: <http://www.whsv.com/news/headlines/18330739.html>

12. *April 28, Reuters* – (National) **LendingTree reports data breach.** LendingTree LLC,

an online mortgage unit of Barry Diller's Internet conglomerate IAC/InterActiveCorp, has reported a data breach in which several former employees gave mortgage lenders access to confidential customer records. In an April 21 letter to customers, LendingTree said a "handful" of lenders obtained access to customer information such as Social Security numbers and income and employment data and used it to market their own mortgages. LendingTree said it believed the lenders accessed the information from October 2006 to early 2008. It would not confirm on Monday when it learned of the breach or how many customers were affected. Lending Tree collects fees by matching prospective borrowers with offers from lenders.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSN286771320080428>

13. *April 28, Fortune Small Business* – (National) **Who's stealing your business?** Fraud of all sorts - embezzlement, business identity theft, patent infringement, and product counterfeiting - is increasing. The median loss from embezzlement cost small companies \$190,000 in 2006, up from \$98,000 in 2004, according to the latest numbers from the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. The number of patent-infringement lawsuits rose 6 percent last year. New research has found that counterfeit goods account for an estimated 15 percent to 20 percent of all products manufactured in China, says the former chairman of the House Committee on Small Business. Technological advances have made it easier than ever for the unscrupulous to victimize businesses. Consider that hundreds of pages of sensitive financial information can be stored on a USB drive the size of a thumb - or that millions of dollars can disappear with the flick of a computer key. Given all the day-to-day challenges small-business owners face, most feel they do not have the time, patience, or money to protect themselves. This helps explain why small businesses are nearly twice as likely to be victims of fraud as are big corporations.

Source:

http://money.cnn.com/2008/04/23/smbusiness/whos_stealing_intro.fsb/index.htm

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Transportation Sector

14. *April 29, Brownsville Herald* – (Florida) **Bomb threat shuts down bridge for two hours.** The Veterans International Bridge in Brownsville, Texas, was closed part of Monday morning after a bomb threat was reported to the Cameron County Sheriff's Department 911 system, the sheriff said. Authorities believe the call came from a Mexican cell phone, though, its point of origin is unknown. No bomb was been detected, and the bridge was reopened at about 1:45 p.m.

Source:

http://www.brownsvilleherald.com/news/bridge_86226_article.html/sheriff_threat.html

15. *April 29, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **Search for bomb delays Spirit Air flight to Nassau.** A man was detained after he made a bomb threat on board a Spirit Airlines flight at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport on Monday. As the flight crew was preparing the plane for departure, they told a man to take his seat, but the man refused. He then threatened the plane with a bomb, a Spirit airlines spokeswoman said.

All of the 105 passengers were removed from the plane, and the suspect was detained. Deputies searched the plane. No bomb was found, the Broward Sheriff's Office said.
Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/broward/story/513256.html>

16. *April 28, Flight International* – (National) **FAA calls for heightened 737 trim actuator vigilance.** The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) wants operators of a wide variety of Boeing 737s to perform repetitive inspections, lubrications and repairs or overhauls to the horizontal stabilizer trim actuators on the aircraft to prevent possible loss-of-control accidents. FAA's proposed airworthiness directive, issued Monday, comes as a result of a Boeing design review and safety analysis of the trim units on all its aircraft following the January 2000 loss of an Alaska Airlines MD-83 and all 88 passengers and crew due to an improperly lubricated jackscrew. During Boeing's review, one operator reported "extensive corrosion" of the primary load path ball bearings in the ballscrew assembly of the trim mechanism of a Boeing 757, according to the FAA. The agency says the trim mechanisms in the Boeing aircraft, although different in design to the failed MD-83 system, perform "similar functions and have the same airplane-level effect following failure." FAA notes that the condition, "if not corrected could result an undetected failure of the primary load path for the ballscrew in the drive mechanism of the horizontal stabilizer trim actuator and subsequent wear and failure of the secondary load path, which could lead to loss of control of the horizontal stabilizer and consequent loss of control of the aircraft." Given that the ballscrew assembly on the 757 is similar to the system on the 737, the FAA contends that "all of these models may be subject to the same unsafe condition" and says it is considering a similar rulemaking for the 757 trim system.

Source: <http://www.flightglobal.com/articles/2008/04/29/223347/faa-calls-for-heightened-737-trim-actuator-vigilance.html>

17. *April 28, Flight International* – (National) **FAA: Pilots again blamed for DFW controller errors.** A soon-to-be-released report by the U.S. Transportation Department's Inspector General (IG) will reveal that managers at the Dallas-Fort Worth terminal approach control center (Tracon) had "routinely and intentionally" misclassified controller operational errors as pilot deviations over a 21-month period starting in November 2005. The chief operating officer for the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration Air Traffic Organization said the most serious of the errors included instances where controllers did not alert the pilots on parallel approaches of runway changes requiring one of the aircraft to cross in front of the other. Rather than correctly filing such incidents as controller errors, the facility managers had been classifying the events as pilot errors. According to the FAA, the IG discovered that 52 of 62 errors reported over the 21-month period at Dallas were improperly filed as pilot deviations rather than controller errors. The mechanism for classifying and evaluating errors will also be elevated from the Tracon level to headquarters level.

Source: <http://www.flightglobal.com/articles/2008/04/28/223283/faa-pilots-again-blamed-for-dfw-controller-errors.html>

18. *April 28, Grand Rapids Press* – (Michigan) **Passenger causes security breach, delayed flight at Gerald R. Ford International Airport.** A breach of security at the Gerald R.

Ford International Airport Monday allowed a man to enter a Northwest Airlines plane bound for Detroit without screening, causing a 40-minute delay as the entire plane disembarked. The incident occurred around 10 a.m. when “a man used the exit lane of the concourse to gain entry. He made it onto the flight or had contact with those boarding the flight,” said an airport spokesman. The 120 passengers on board had to deplane and the screening checkpoint area was closed for 20 minutes as that group was re-screened, he said. The official said the delayed flight did not impact any other flights. Source: http://blog.mlive.com/grpress/2008/04/passenger_causes_security_brea.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to Report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

19. *April 28, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (National) **Snow plagues farmers as corn prices climb.** Late-season snows sent corn prices higher on Monday as grain traders bid up prices in the wake of a government report showing that farmers have not been able to get into their fields to plant. The slow start to what could be one of the most profitable years ever for crop farmers, saw just 10 percent of the crop in the ground as of Sunday, far less than the 35 percent average from the last five years, the U.S. Department of Agriculture report said.

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/business/18351594.html>

20. *April 28, San Diego Union-Tribune* – (California) **Four more cases of Hepatitis A confirmed.** Four more cases of Hepatitis A have been linked to possible exposure at a Chipotle Mexican Grill restaurant, La Mesa County health officials said Monday. A total of 18 people, ranging from ages 23 to 59 years, have been identified. All 26 food handlers who work at the restaurant have tested negative for the infection.

Source: <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/metro/20080428-1613-bn28hep.html>

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Water Sector

21. *April 28, WNYT 13 Albany* – (New York) **Concerns raised about Hudson drinking water.** In New York, thousands of people in Waterford, Halfmoon, and the Mechanicville City School District get their drinking water from the Hudson River, where PCBs will be dredged beginning next year. They are worried their water will not be safe to drink. According to Waterford’s town supervisor, after a long battle with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to guarantee water quality to residents during dredging, the agency has finally agreed to install a new water connection with the city of Troy allowing the community to purchase water from alternative sources during phase

two of dredging. The EPA will monitor the water quality, and only if contamination rises to a certain level will they pay for the increased cost of alternative water.

Source: <http://wnyt.com/article/stories/S426587.shtml?cat=300>

22. *April 28, San Diego Union-Tribune* – (California) **Company wants to reopen mine, but residents worry about toxic backlash.** A Canadian mining company wants to take advantage of the price of gold and reopen a gold mine in Grass Valley, California. However, many residents are worried about how this will affect their water. Even though the mine has been closed more than 50 years, tests revealed that it was leaking unsafe levels of metals into Magenta Drain, a small stream that runs through Memorial Park in Grass Valley. A Grass Valley resident and member of the Wolf Creek Alliance contends that reopening the mine could cause similar problems. He argues that the issue goes far beyond the Sierra Nevada foothills, because much of the water that flows through these areas eventually ends up as drinking water for California residents as far south as San Diego. The president of the Canadian mining company said his company intends to meet the standards required by local and state officials. “Who is better able to clean up an old mine than a mining company?” he said. Still, some residents also worry that the mining operations will fill the streets with giant trucks, create air and water pollution, and release toxic chemicals into the groundwater.

Source: <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/state/20080428-9999-1n28gold.html>

23. *April 28, Sudbury Star* – (Michigan) **Canadian lawsuit blames U.S. utility for pollution in Windsor.** On Sunday, the head of Riverkeepers announced that the environmentalist group had launched a Canadian lawsuit against Michigan utility Detroit Edison over mercury discharges from one of the company’s two power plants in Detroit. He said mercury discharges into the Detroit River are causing cancer and are damaging the quality of life in the border city of Windsor, Canada. The lawsuit under the Canadian Fisheries Act accuses the utility of illegal discharges of mercury into the Detroit River, he said. A spokesperson for Detroit Edison said the utility was spending one billion dollars on equipment to reduce mercury emissions by 2010.

Source: <http://www.thesudburystar.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=1003961>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

24. *April 29, Washington Post* – (National) **FDA faulted for approving studies of artificial blood.** A new analysis concludes that the Food and Drug Administration approved experiments with artificial blood substitutes even after studies showed that the controversial products posed a clear risk of causing heart attacks and death. The review of combined data from more than 3,711 patients who participated in 16 studies testing five different types of artificial blood, released yesterday, found that the products nearly tripled the risk of heart attacks and boosted the chances of dying by 30 percent. Based on the findings, the researchers questioned why the FDA allowed additional testing of the products to go forward and why the agency is considering letting yet another study proceed. “It’s hard to understand,” said a senior investigator at the National Institutes of Health who led the analysis, which was released early by the Journal of the American

Medical Association so the data could be presented at an FDA meeting on the subject. “They already had data that these products could cause heart attacks and evidence that they could kill.” An FDA official defended the agency, saying it had carefully weighed the risks and benefits of each study individually and had convened this week’s two-day meeting to address the very concerns raised by the analysis.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/story/2008/04/28/ST2008042802318.html>

25. *April 29, Associated Press* – (National) **Senate panel to look into chemical risk assessment program.** A Senate committee is looking into a report by the Government Accountability Office, which said that White House demand for broad interagency involvement in the Environmental Protection Agency’s toxic chemical risk assessments is undermining the agency’s ability to make timely, science-based conclusions on the cancer risks and other health impacts of many chemicals. At issue is the EPA’s screening of chemicals used in everything from household products to rocket fuel to determine whether they pose serious risk of cancer or other illnesses. A review process begun by the White House in 2004 and imposed formally by the EPA earlier this month is adding more speed bumps for EPA scientists, the GAO said in its report.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/wires/2008Apr29/0,4670,EPAChemicalRisks,00.html>

Government Facilities Sector

26. *April 29, Fayetteville Observer* – (North Carolina) **South View Middle has second bomb threat in two days.** A bomb threat was reported this morning at South View Middle School. It was the second bomb threat in two days, said a spokeswoman for the Cumberland County Sheriff’s Office. Students were sent outside while a bomb-sniffing dog searched the building. No bomb was found, and students were allowed to return to classes about 7:30 a.m.

Source: <http://www.fayobserver.com/article?id=292663>

27. *April 28, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Student with gun arrested at Tacoma high school.** In Tacoma, Washington, police have arrested a suspended student who brought a loaded handgun to Mount Tahoma High School. No shots were fired, and no one was injured. The school was locked down while police and school officials handled the situation.

Source:

http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/localnews/2004378771_webschoolgun28m.html

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Emergency Services Sector

28. *April 29, St. Petersburg Times* – (Florida) **Redundant response under fire in Florida.** In Pinellas County, Florida, a 911 call requesting medical assistance results in two to three vehicles responding to the call: the fire department’s rescue truck with at least one

paramedic, plus a colleague, the private ambulance with two attendants, and possibly a fire engine with an additional three or more rescuers. These vehicles arrive regardless of the seriousness of the situation. As this response costs twice what sending only an ambulance would, Pinellas officials are considering sending only an ambulance to medical calls, in what is known as priority dispatch. In priority dispatch, 911 call takers ask a series of brief medical questions to gauge the severity of the call.

Source: <http://www.emsresponder.com/article/article.jsp?siteSection=1&id=7458>

29. *April 29, KTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) **Hurricane drill scheduled today for Harris Co.**

In Texas, one of the largest hurricane preparedness drills in the nation begins this morning in Harris County. The statewide hurricane drill, known as Hurrex, begins Tuesday morning at Houston Transtar. The annual hurricane exercise is coordinated by the governor's Division of Emergency Management. More than 50 Harris County departments will take part, along with firefighters, paramedics, police, transportation officials, and members of industry. The drill is aimed at improving response to a category five hurricane hitting the state.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=6109765>

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Information Technology

30. *April 29, IDG News Service* – (International) **Microsoft botnet-hunting tool helps bust**

hackers. Botnet fighters have another tool in their arsenal, thanks to Microsoft. The software vendor is giving law enforcers access to a special tool that keeps tabs on botnets, using data compiled from the 450 million computer users who have installed the Malicious Software Removal tool that ships with Windows. Although Microsoft is reluctant to give out details on its botnet buster – the company said that even revealing its name could give cyber criminals a clue on how to thwart it – company executives discussed it at a closed door conference held for law enforcement professionals Monday. The tool includes data and software that helps law enforcers get a better picture of the data being provided by Microsoft's users, said an attorney with Microsoft's World Wide Internet Safety Programs. "I think of it ... as botnet intelligence," he said. Microsoft security experts analyze samples of malicious code to capture a snapshot of what is happening on the botnet network, which can then be used by law enforcers, he said. Botnets have been on Microsoft's radar for about four years, ever since the company identified them as a significant emerging threat. In fact, the software vendor has held seven closed-door botnet conferences for law enforcement officials over the years, including an inaugural event in Lyon, France, hosted by Interpol, the Microsoft attorney said. Microsoft had not previously talked about its botnet tool, but it turns out that it was used by police in Canada to make a high-profile bust earlier this year.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=security&articleId=9080958&taxonomyId=17&intsrc=kc_top

31. *April 28, Associated Press* – (International) **Radio Free Europe says it's under attack.**

Several Web sites of the U.S.-funded Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty have been

attacked, the broadcaster said Monday, suggesting the Belarus government could be responsible. In the form of a denial-of-service attack that floods servers with fake traffic so legitimate visitors cannot get through, the assault began Saturday and continues, the network said in a statement. The broadcaster said it is trying to restore its Web sites. The attack is aimed mainly the site of Radio Free Europe's Belarus service, but Web sites serving Iran, Russia, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, Kosovo, Macedonia, Bosnia, and Croatia also have been affected. The network's president compared the attack to communist countries jamming U.S.-backed broadcasts during the Cold War. "Dictators are still trying to prevent the kind of unfiltered news and information that (Radio Free Europe) provides from reaching their people," he said. "They did not succeed in the last century and they will not succeed now." Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty is a private, nonprofit corporation that receives funding from the U.S. government. The head of the radio's Belarus service said the attack began on the 22nd anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear catastrophe in Ukraine. He said a similar attack took place the same day one year ago but lasted only hours and did not hit services in other languages.

Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/24355333/>

32. *April 28, Dark Reading* – (International) **'Long-Term' phishing attack underway.** The notorious Rock Phish gang has added a new twist to its phishing exploits that does not require its victim to visit a malicious Website – instead, it just loads a malicious keylogging Trojan onto the victim's machine that steals information or credentials. Both Trend Micro and F-Secure over the past few days spotted new iterations of the attack, which was first reported by RSA last week. The latest tack is phishing emails posing as Comerica Bank and Colonial Bank that ask banking customers to renew their digital certificates. When they click on the link for more information on the phony renewal process, it downloads the nasty Trojan onto their desktops. "In a way, it's so blatant that it reminds me of the worms of '04 and '05... such as Bagel. They would come via email, and you'd receive an executable file" in them, said a threat research project manager for Trend Micro. The danger of the so-called Zeus Trojan is that it can execute what he calls a "long-term" phishing attack on the victim. "It can stay there and log credentials, personal information, and steal personal information. Basically anything you type," he says. The version Trend has been studying has the ability to receive downloaded updates to itself, he says. "So now the phishers don't need to ask for passwords anymore, they can just take them."

Source: http://www.darkreading.com/document.asp?doc_id=152295

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Website: <http://www.us-cert.gov>.

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: <https://www.it-isac.org/>.

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Communications Sector

33. *April 28, Dark Reading* – (National) **Wireless vulnerabilities present enterprise-wide threats, expert says.** Wireless vulnerabilities in corporate environments are creating as great a threat now as the Internet did in its early days, the CEO of AirPatrol said Monday at the Computer Security Institute's CSI CX conference, which is being held concurrently with Interop in Las Vegas, adding that "the rapid growth of wireless networking has increased the threat." In an effort to save money and reduce infrastructure, many companies are moving toward a wireless infrastructure, which puts their networks at a greater risk than ever, he said, adding that "many of the old vulnerabilities that existed in the wireless environment still have not been resolved."
Source: http://www.darkreading.com/document.asp?doc_id=152289

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Commercial Facilities Sector

34. *April 29, Daily Record* – (Florida) **Bomb threat hits Bon Jovi's Gig in Florida.** Rockers were forced to delay a concert in Florida on Saturday for three hours after a bomb scare. Police received a telephone bomb threat shortly before their concert was due to kick off at the Bank Atlantic Center, which is located in Sunrise, Florida. According to the authorities, the caller claimed two bombs would go off during the band's show. The building was evacuated for sniffer dogs to access the area and concert goers were eventually allowed back in around 9pm, after police had given the all-clear.
Source: <http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/entertainment/entertainment-catch-all/2008/04/29/bomb-threat-hits-bon-jovi-s-gig-in-florida-86908-20398571/>
35. *April 28, WOFL 35 Orlando* – (Florida) **Suspicious package found at downtown Disney.** A man wanting his job back was arrested in Downtown Disney Monday evening. The Orange county Sheriffs department responded to a 911 at the Planet Hollywood gift shop just after 4 p.m. The caller said that there was an argument between a manager and a young male. When deputies arrived a manager told them that a former employee had come in wanting his job back. When the manager refused, the man threw a backpack on the ground, telling the manager it contained explosives. Deputies were able to find and arrest the suspect. They then evacuated and secured the area. The backpack was blown up and found to only contain the suspect's personal items.
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36. *April 29, Williamsport Sun-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Nessmuk Lake targeted as ‘high-hazard’ dam in need of repair or replacement.** The Borough Council of Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, on Monday looked at a possible dam replacement or widening at Nessmuk Lake. Earlier this month, borough and municipal water authority officials received letters from the deputy director of the state Fish and Boat Commission, explaining that the lake is one of 16 commission-owned dams classified as “high-hazard” by the state Department of Environmental Protection. The deputy director said the 16 dams are in need of repair or replacement for safety and economic development reasons. Colyer Lake in lower Centre County also was one of the dams identified.

Source: <http://www.sungazette.com/page/content.detail/id/509515.html>

37. *April 29, San Mateo Daily Journal* – (California) **Cities work to solve levee problem.** In California, San Mateo and Foster City are working together to find a way to repair a levee that does not meet federal standards and is placing many residents in a flood zone that requires expensive insurance, said the deputy director of San Mateo Public Works. A draft Flood Insurance Rate Map was published last week by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, indicating thousands of residents will be required to purchase up to \$2,000 in annual flood insurance. The map places Foster City in a flood zone because of a San Mateo levee that does not meet federal standards. Fixing the levee would remove many San Mateo residents from the map and help Foster City remain out of the flood zone. San Mateo is already moving forward with detailed repair designs. Once the levee is repaired, the map will be revised and residents in Foster City and some parts of San Mateo will not be required to purchase the insurance.

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